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Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions adopted since 1973, the most recent of which is resolution 47/78 of 16 December 1992,

Expressing its satisfaction at the entry into force on 3 December 1982, of the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to receive and consider communications from individuals or groups of individuals under article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1/

1/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

Recalling its resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992, in which it endorsed the decision taken on 15 January 1992 by the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 2/ to amend paragraph 6 of article 8 of the Convention and to add a new paragraph as paragraph 7, of article 8, with the view to providing for the financing of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination from the regular budget of the United Nations,

Recalling the decision of the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties that the amendments would enter into force once two thirds of the State parties had notified the Secretary-General as depositary that they agreed to the amendments,

Noting that, despite the above-mentioned decision, the amendments have not yet come into force,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; 3/

2. Expresses its satisfaction at the number of States that have ratified the Convention or acceded thereto;

3. Reaffirms once again its conviction that ratification of or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and for action beyond the Decade;

4. Requests those States, which have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto;

5. Requests the States parties to the Convention to consider the possibility of making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the Convention;

6. Urges all States parties which have not done so to take all necessary measures to enable the entry into force at the earliest possible date of the amendments to the Convention of 15 January 1992;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report concerning the status of the Convention, in accordance with Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965.

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2/ See CERD/SP/45, annex.

3/ A/49/403.